

## DICTATED IT HIMSELF

**Veteran Minister Has the Points of His Obituary Noted Before His Death.**

**HAD BEEN LONG IN THE HARNESS**

**Attendant at a Funeral Goes Home and Straightway Dies—Doubting Attorney Convinced.**

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 28.—About three weeks ago Rev. Samuel Mills Fowler, aged 87, a former missionary and circuit rider and the oldest minister in Kalamazoo county, called the local newspaper men to his bedside and outlined what he wanted them to publish as an obituary after his death. He had been taken sick some two months before, on the day preceding that on which he expected to preach his farewell sermon. He realized that his end was near and prepared himself calmly.

**Sixty-Five Years a Minister.**  
Rev. Samuel Mills Fowler was born in Churchill, N. Y., and was ordained to the ministry at the age of 22. Soon after his ordination he was sent to Michigan as a missionary. The deceased had lived in various parts of the state and had established no less than a dozen churches. He retired from active pulpit work fifteen years ago. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. P. Moore, of Kalamazoo, and eight grandchildren.

**Died on Return from a Funeral.**  
Warren, Mich., Dec. 28.—Upon returning from the funeral of Peter Duffee, his brother-in-law, Leonard Sprenger, aged 75 years, a well-to-do farmer of Warren township, was taken suddenly ill and had to be carried to the carriage to the residence of his late brother-in-law, where he died in a short time. Sprenger had lived in Warren township forty-six years and came to this country from Germany at the age of 16. He leaves a widow and six children.

**Death of Seth C. Randall.**  
Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 28.—Seth C. Randall, aged 62, prominent member of the Washtenaw county bar, is dead after a long illness. Randall was born in New York and was a graduate of the University of Michigan law department and spent two years in the literary department. He served in the Twenty-second Michigan infantry during the civil war.

**NO DEMONSTRATION WANTED**  
Doubting Attorney Declined to Test a Bottle Alleged to Contain Nitro-Glycerine.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 28.—The attorney for William Miller, on trial on a burglary charge, did not have the courage of his convictions when he declared that he did not believe a bottle found where the prisoner had concealed it contained nitro-glycerine. Expert J. J. Thomas, of the Bay City dynamite works, was called and with a hammer and the bottle prepared as though to demonstrate, when "Objection withdrawn," was heard from the defendant's attorney.

"That's all right; you needn't demonstrate," from the prosecuting attorney, and all in the court room were more at ease. It is said there is enough of the explosive in the bottle to have demolished the court house.

**Britton Is "Dry" Again.**  
Adrian, Mich., Dec. 28.—Once more there is no saloon in operation in the village of Britton, owing to the death of William H. Allen, bondsman for John Knabush, who conducted the dispensary. George Getty has been offered as the new bondsman, but the council unanimously turned him down, and in the meanwhile the saloon is closed.

**Hogue Pleads Not Guilty.**  
Dowagiac, Mich., Dec. 28.—John Hogue, a former resident of this county, pleaded not guilty at Peulah, Benzie county, on the charge of having assaulted Miss Anna Oleson, of that place. The assault was the one in which the girl assailed left the marks of her teeth on the brute's fingers, which led to his identification.

**He Goes Up for Life.**  
Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 28.—George Bears, who was arrested at Flint, confessed the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Abel Brown, in her home on a farm at Berville last Friday, and has been sentenced to life imprisonment on his plea of guilty. Mrs. Brown's head was crushed with a whiffletree and she was stabbed in a number of places.

**Would-Be Suicide Succeeds.**  
Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 28.—Mrs. George Rose, died at the hospital as the result of a bullet wound inflicted by herself in an attempt at suicide several weeks ago. She is said to have quarreled with her husband.

**Capt. Thomas Wills Dead.**  
Calumet, Mich., Dec. 28.—Captain Thomas Wills, aged 75, one of the oldest pioneer mining men of the Lake Superior copper district, is dead. He was a native of Cornwall, England.

**His Stock Soaked With Water.**  
Bay City, Mich., Dec. 28.—Fire started in X. H. Price's clothing store, 308 Center avenue, the stock was soaked with water and the loss will probably reach \$10,000.

## JAPANESE STORM AND TAKE HEIGHTS

**Czar's Men Try Hard to Recapture Position but Are Repulsed.**

**TOKIO GETS DETAILS OF FIGHT**

**Two Russian Generals Have Been Killed and General Fock Wounded.**

**Imperial Rescript Dispatched to Admiral Togo Expresses Satisfaction at the Work of Japanese Navy.**

Shanghai, Dec. 23.—A squadron of powerful cruisers under Admiral Kamimura has gone south to the China sea to meet the Russian second Pacific squadron.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—Admiral Togo announces the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur stormed and now hold the heights east of Houyangshukou. Prisoners captured by the Japanese report that the Russian General Kondratenko and another general officer, whose name is not known, have been killed and that General Fock is among the wounded.

**Details of the Capture.**  
A dispatch from the Japanese army before Port Arthur, timed midnight, says: "On Dec. 22 the Russian defense works on the heights east of Houyangshukou, Sungshu mountain, Rihlung mountain and the 'H' forts were bombarded by the Japanese with heavy guns which inflicted considerable damage. As a result of the bombardment a detachment of the Japanese right wing at dawn Dec. 23 attacked the enemy on the heights east of Houyangshukou and captured the ridge and the heights at 7:40 in the morning."

"Afterwards the enemy concentrated his fire from several forts at Taiyangkou and Yahutsui upon our newly occupied position, following this with a determined counter attack, during which grenades were thrown, but our force finally repulsed the enemy. Later the enemy's bombardment abated we constructed some defensive works so that our occupation became more assured."

**Fort Set on Fire.**  
"As a result of our heavy gun bombardment during and before the attack the fort west of Taiyangkou was set on fire. One fifteen centimeter gun in each of the forts was destroyed. The covers were also damaged. According to the statement of prisoners captured at Kekwan mountain Dec. 18 and of Russians who surrendered in the vicinity of Este mountain Dec. 22, during the battle of 263-Meter hill, General Kondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian Rifles division, and General Irman, commander of the Fourth artillery brigade, were killed and General Fock, commanding the Fourth East Siberian division, was wounded."

**Imperial Rescript to Togo.**  
An imperial rescript dispatch to Vice Admiral Togo says: "We hear with great satisfaction that our torpedo flotillas engaged in the work required of them at Port Arthur have gallantly and successfully accomplished the duties required of them and in so doing had to brave the dangers of storms and shells by day and night. Despite all the difficulties confronting them they have succeeded in performing their duties without the least confusion, rendering one another mutual assistance. We especially note their brave and loyal performance of the duties required of them and express our approbation of their gallant behavior."

**North Sea Commission Meets.**  
Paris, Dec. 23.—Clad in civilian garments four admirals of as many national navies met in the foreign office and after some pleasant conversation made Admiral Fournier the presiding officer, selected a secretary and then unanimously chose Admiral Baron von Spahn, of Austria, the fifth member of the commission that will inquire into the North sea tragedy. Adjournment was then taken to Jan. 10, 1905. Those present were Admirals Beaumont, Great Britain; Davis, United States; Fournier, France, and Kaznakoff, Russia.

**Museum Freak in Hard Luck.**  
New York, Dec. 23.—After having been exhibited for more than forty years during which time he has visited nearly all the principal cities of the United States and Europe, William Conner, known as "The Irish Giant," was sent to the city almshouse. He had hoped to postpone the ordeal until after Christmas, but the season found him entirely destitute and the boat carried him to the island.

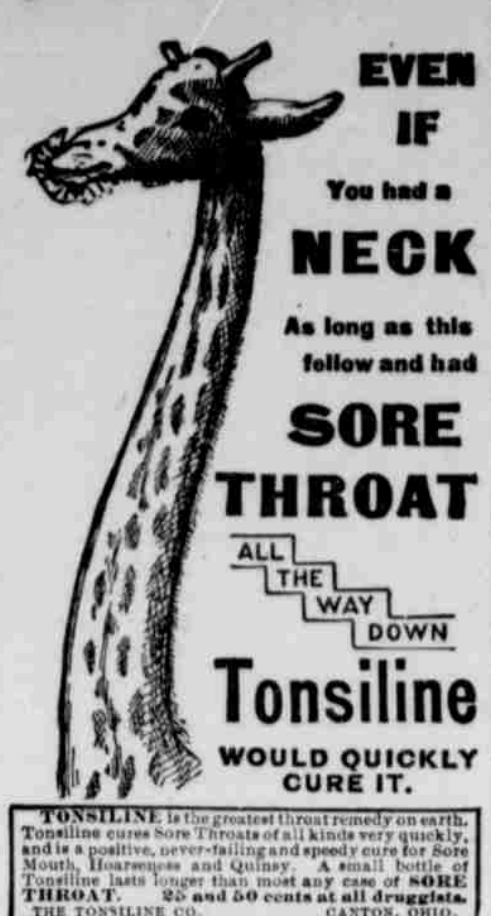
**Attempted Murder and Suicide.**  
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 26.—William Crowley, 47 years of age, killed himself by taking carbolic acid and attempted to kill his wife. Mrs. Crowley's face was horribly burned by the acid which her husband dashed into it after he had fought to force the liquid down her throat. The woman will recover, but will be disfigured for life.

**Shot by an Unknown Man.**  
Ashland, Wis., Dec. 28.—Louis Denton, of Monico, was shot and mortally wounded by an unknown person as he was alighting from a train at his home. No clue has been discovered. The weapon used was a shotgun, and about 200 shot was taken from Denton's abdomen.

**Gen. Porter Is to Retire.**  
New York, Dec. 28.—The Herald this morning: "It has been definitely decided that General Horace Porter, of New York, shall retire as ambassador to France. General Porter's successor to Paris will be George von Lenerke Meyer, the present ambassador to Italy."

**Well-Known Writer Is Dead.**  
Plymouth, Ind., Dec. 28.—Charles H. Reeve, aged 83, well known as a writer on social and economic questions, is dead.

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